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SUBJ: CHAMBESHI SUSPENDED FROM UNIP

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1. THE LUANSHYA DISTRICT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF UNIP HAS SUSPENDED ROAN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ALFRED CHAMBESHI FOR ONE YEAR. CHAMBESHI, A FORMER TOP OFFICIAL IN THE NOW-BANNED UNITED PROGRESSIVE PARTY (UPP), WON HIS SEAT IN A JANUARY BY-ELECTION, HAVING RETURNED TO THE UNIP FOLD LAST SEPTEMBER ALONG WITH FORMER UPP LEADER SIMON KAPWEPWE. THE ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST CHAMBESHI AS A RESULT OF HIS "INSULTS" OF MEMBER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE FRANK CHITAMBALA EARLY LAST MONTH (ITEM 5 REFAIR). THE ONE-YEAR SUSPENSION MEANS THAT CHAMBESHI WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS NOR ATTEND THE UNIP NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WHICH BEGINS ITS FOUR-DAY SESSION ON JUNE 12 IN LUSAKA. THE DECISION OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE CAN BE APPEALED WITHIN 14 DAYS TO THE PROVINCIAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY.

2. COMMENT: AT THE TIME NOTICE WAS GIVEN THAT DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS BEING CONSIDERED, CHAMBESHI, WHO ADMITTED THE INSULTS WHICH HE SAID WERE DESERVED, TOLD THE PRESS
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THAT SOME UNIP OFFICIALS WANTED TO SEE HIM SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS SO THAT HE COULD NOT ATTEND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OR STAND IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS. THE ONE-YEAR SUSPENSION WAS A HEAVY PENALTY AND, IF UPHELD AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL, COULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE GROWING TENSION BETWEEN FORMER UPP MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS AND UNIP PARTY STALWARTS.
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